# Ziegler Cites 'Mistakes' by Legal Staff

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The White House legal staff has made "some mistakes" and the office is being reorganized to bring in new legal talent to assist in President Nixon's Watergate defense, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said yesterday.

John J. Sullivan, a Chicago attorney, judge on the appellate court of Illinois, and an old friend of the President, has joined the counsel's office to work on Watergate issues, Ziegler said after what appeared to be a rebuke to J. Fred Buzhardt, who has handled the bulk of the court work involving Watergate.

Buzhardt is expected to remain in the counsel's office, but Leonard Garment, who has assisted Buzhardt in the legal work, is expected to leave the counsel's office and resume his work as an adviser on cultural and minority affairs.

When Buzhardt was told at U.S. District Court here

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of Ziegler's comments, the counsel said he "wouldn't disagree" with the press secretary's comment that he was overworked, and added: "I've never pretended I was perfect."

Buzhardt said he expected to remain on the Watergate case. Ziegler also said Buzhardt would continue in the counsel's office but would delegate authority to others being brought in, including Sullivan.

In a lengthy and impassioned defense of the President together with an attack on his critics, Ziegler assailed members of the Watergate special prosecutor's staff as biased and politically motivated.

But he exempted Leon Jaworski, the chief prosecutor, from the attack. Jaworski is a "very responsible and fair man," Ziegler said.

However, members of his staff, whom former prosecutor Archibald Cox recruited, have displayed "ingrained suspicion and visceral dislike for this President and this administration," Ziegler said.

When asked whether the President has full confidence in Buzhardt, Ziegler replied: "I don't want to express any public dissatisfaction in relation to the work of any individual."

When a reporter asked if he was not cutting off Buzhardt at the knees, Ziegler said he was not and that Buzhardt "is doing a good job and will continue to do a good job."

Acknowledging that mistakes have been made, particularly in relation to pub-

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